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1. The Beli Kamen Brick Factory in Strumica is located about two kilometers south of Strumica on the Strumica-Valandovo highway. The factory has no machinery and the work is done by hand. The bricks are baked in "field furnaces". Coal is brought from a mine in Macedonia to the Miravci railroad station. During the operating season, which lasts from May to October, the factory employs 40 workers and 5 clerical employees. The factory works one 8-hour shift and produces 16,000 bricks per day. The manager of the factory is Risto Mladenov, and the personnel chief is Debrila Doleva.
2. In the spring of 1951 the buildings and furnaces for a new brick and tile factory were constructed a few hundred yards from the old factory. The machinery for the factory is to be supplied by the Metalni Zavod Tito Government Enterprise in Madjari, near Skoplje.
3. The "Cotton Station", a government enterprise in Strumica, is located in the southern part of the city on the road leading to Valandovo. The enterprise has 10 machines for cleaning and packing raw cotton. The machines are of pre-war American manufacture, and six of them were made by the Metalni Zavod Tito Enterprise in Madjari and installed in 1947. The enterprise employs 35 workers and 7 clerical employees. The operating season lasts four months. The enterprise works one 8-hour shift and processes about 3,000 kilograms of cotton each day. Electric power is supplied by the Strumica town plant. The manager of the enterprise is Kole Jarmov.
4. The "Cotton Station" also has branches in the villages of Bosilevo and Novo Selo. The total production of raw cotton in Strumica district is 400 to 500 tons per year.
5. The town electric power plant in Strumica has a pre-war model 160 horsepower Diesel engine which uses wood for fuel. The generator and transformer for the engine are of Elin manufacture. In 1947 a new 360 kilowatt Ansaldo oil Diesel engine and a generator and transformer were installed. The engine produces electricity of 220 volts. The oil is supplied by the Jugopetrol Government Enterprise in Skoplje, and a reserve supply of 6,000 kilograms is kept in Skoplje. The plant has 20 employees and works one 8-hour shift each day.

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6. The following are the leading personnel at the power plant:
 - a. Dimitar Ristomanov, manager
 - b. Filip Kuzmanov, foreman
 - c. Stanko Zafirov, machinist
 - d. Milosh Kuznamov, assistant machinist
 - e. Boris Traikov, chief electrician
 - f. Vasil Shopov, chief installer
7. The power plant supplies the electricity for Strumica and the village of Dabila. It also supplies the electricity for the following enterprises in Strumica: the cotton cleaning and packing station, the carpenters cooperative, the rice factory, the knife factory, the Cvetan Dimov Agricultural Enterprise, the town aquaduct enterprise, and the enterprise for the mechanization and investment in agriculture. About 800,000 kilowatt hours of electricity are consumed in Strumica each year.
8. Work has begun on the construction of an electric line from Dabila to Bosilevo.
9. The apprentices at the cotton station and the power plant are given pre-military training and lectures by Vasil Todorov, an employee of the District People's Council and a sergeant in the reserve.
10. The average salary of the employees of the three enterprises is about 4,000 dinars per month.

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